

ARRESTED FOR MURDER

Maryland Woman Charged With Killing Her Husband.

Finding of the Coroner's Jury in the Case of Captain Condit, Who Was Mysteriously Slain in His Bed—The Prisoner's Version of the Affair, Damaging Testimony Brought Out.

SOLOMON'S ISLAND, Md., Sept. 17.—The six hundred inhabitants of Solomon's Island, as well as hundreds who live on the mainland of Calvert and St. Mary's counties, are intensely excited over the murder of Capt. Littleton T. Condit, who was shot Thursday morning, September 13, while asleep in his bed at his home on the island. He died of a wound in the head Friday afternoon, September 14.

Part of the mystery surrounding the case was cleared up by the inquest begun Saturday and completed yesterday. A well-developed clue pointing to murder was obtained, upon which several theories were built. The verdict of Coroner Files' jury that Captain Condit came to his death at the hands of his wife, Bessie Condit, was immediately followed by the arrest of the woman upon the order of State's attorney J. Frank Farran, charging her with the murder of her husband. She was taken yesterday afternoon to Prince Frederick, and will be taken to Baltimore today by Detective L. Spaulding.

The coolness and courage of Mrs. Condit under the circumstances is remarkable and astonished the authorities in charge of the case. She tells a straightforward story, sticks to it, and gives no sign of weakness, in spite of the fact that evidence of the most damaging sort was brought out against her at the inquest, and later facts have been recalled to corroborate the theories of both the State's attorney and detective.

The whole island is inclined to believe the woman guilty, and the feeling runs high. In the history of Solomon's Island, from the days of the oldest settlers, there is no record of such a crime as this, and since Thursday it has been the one subject of conversation among the residents. The murder on Thursday, the arrival of the detective, the inquest and funeral yesterday, together with the arrest of the woman in the afternoon, stirred this part of Calvert county as it has never been before.

The doctor's testimony. The inquest was opened by the testimony of Dr. W. H. Marsh, who performed an autopsy and swore to finding a .32-caliber pistol ball in the brain.

He then testified that the nature of the wound clearly showed the following facts: First, that the pistol had been held within six inches of the man's head when it was fired; second, that he was shot while sleeping, his eyes being closed; third, that he was shot in the side of the head next to his wife, who claims to have been in bed at the time. He also stated he was summoned to the house about 1 o'clock by Harris Condit, the seventeen-year-old son of Captain Condit, who told him that his father had been shot. Upon his arrival at the Condit house Dr. Marsh found Mrs. Condit mourning by the side of her husband. She told the doctor there was no pistol in the house. She had been awakened by a noise in the room, but saw no one. Dr. Marsh was positive that the pistol was held directly over the right eye of the man and that the person who fired did so from the right side of the bed.

State's Attorney Farran saw the importance of the evidence and home and out the utter impossibility of the shot having been fired from the window or from the side of the bed upon which Captain Condit lay. He proved that in order to shoot Captain Condit as he was shot an outsider would have to go on Mrs. Condit's side of the bed, leap over her, and shoot at her from a perpendicular. He called the attention of the jury to the improbability of anyone acting by desire to rob or kill to do so in this way and then he asked the jury to go to the house without being seen by Mrs. Condit.

Mrs. Bessie Condit was called to the stand, and for nearly an hour answered with perfect composure the numerous questions. It was the first time since the death of her husband that she could be induced to talk, and she appeared to do so without reserve. Mrs. Condit said that her husband had given her some time ago the sum of \$250 to keep for him, and that he had that amount in the house when he was killed. After some discussion she said, she determined Wednesday morning to go to the post office and plant the money, and claims that he placed the money between the mattress on his side of the bed, after which they retired for the night.

Mrs. Condit's story. "I had just fallen asleep, it seems to me," Mrs. Condit said, "when I was aroused by a loud noise. I rose up in bed and saw at once something was the matter. I thought he had had another attack of vertigo, and screamed for help. My son, Harris, and my mother, who slept upstairs, came down. My husband was in bed, and we all saw what had happened. When I was aroused by the shot I saw no one either in the room or leaving it, nor did I hear any other sound. When I went to look for the money under the mattress it had disappeared. The other \$100 I have sewed in my skirt."

Capt. J. W. Lushy and Mrs. Lushy, neighbors of the Condit family, testified that Lushy never heard the shot, and that Mrs. Condit did not scream until five minutes later. Mrs. Lushy said that the money had run across to her neighbor, and on the found already dressed and not greatly agitated. She stayed with Mrs. Condit until the arrival of Dr. Marsh.

A more important witness was Mrs. Jane Webster, who lives in the next house on the north side. She stated to the jury that on Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Condit came to her house and said she wanted to talk to her. "She had never been in my house before," said Mrs. Webster, "and I thought it very unusual. I went downstairs, and she at once asked me if my husband was a member of the Independent Order of Heptasophists. I told her no, and she said her husband was insured in that order for \$2,000, and she was greatly worried, as she had heard a number of members had dropped out. She talked for some time about other things, and just before she left said she had a heavy burden on her mind and did not know what she would do."

The son's evidence. Harris Condit, aged seventeen, practically corroborated his mother's testimony, denying all knowledge of a pistol in the house. His mother had told him, he said, that she had \$200, in order that she should know it if anything happened to her.

Perry Evans, Jr., stated that last Christmas he sold Harris Condit a .32-caliber pistol. He said the pistol was in good condition and was never fired off.

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A Series of Crimes That Started the Country Thirty-Two Years Ago—An Innocent Person Convicted and Three Times Condemned to Die—A Young Lawyer Saves His Client.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Struck down three weeks ago in front of his home by a mysterious assailant, Michael Murphy, who was thrice sentenced to hang for a murder of which he was innocent, is dead in Union Hill, N. J. He was the fifth person who figured in a series of sensational crimes, dating back thirty-two years, and involving Brooklyn, old New York city, Rockland county, and the Atlantic Ocean, to meet a violent death. Robert J. Gamble, one of the chief actors in this remarkable tragedy, died a quarter of a century ago in Brooklyn a victim of remorse.

Murphy's sister, who was a widow with a fortune of \$75,000 when she married Gamble, by her death from poisoning, in 1868, forged the first link in this chain of crime. She was living in Union Hill with her two brothers, Michael and Thomas, when she met Gamble. In order to get him away from his evil associates she bought a farm in Rockland county, near Nantux, and a few weeks after her marriage, or in May, 1868, moved there with her husband.

Mrs. Gamble died suddenly three months later, her husband concealing the fact from her family. Accompanied by a Mrs. Hujus, a woman of unsavory reputation, who lived under the same roof with his wife, Gamble two days later quietly brought the dead woman's body to Greenwood Cemetery and buried it. Immediately after the burial Gamble recorded in the register's office in this city a deed to all his wife's property, purporting to transfer it to himself.

One of Mrs. Gamble's relatives three weeks later heard of her death, and reported it to Michael Murphy. He enlisted the services of Henry Daily, Jr., then a rising young lawyer, and as a result of his investigation a permit was obtained from Coroner Files, of Brooklyn, for the disinterment of Mrs. Gamble's body.

Prof. R. Oden Doremus, who analyzed the organs, found mesenteric acid, the poisonous element of opium, in sufficient quantity to have caused death. Gamble and Mrs. Hujus were then arrested, charged with murder. At the preliminary hearing Prof. Doremus testified to the finding of the poison, while the servant who was with Mrs. Gamble when she died told of Gamble having given to her a wineglassful of a dark brown liquid.

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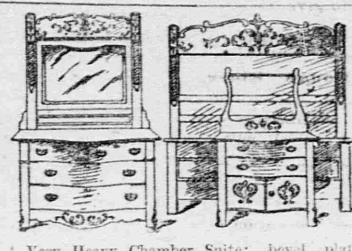
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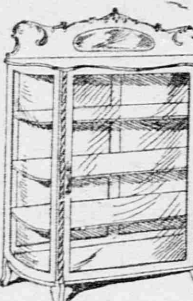
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A general renovation of the university buildings has just been completed and the corridors have been treated with a shining coat of varnish and the walls have been cleaned and brightened. The occupation of the rebuilding laboratory destroyed by fire last fall is a matter of great importance to the scientific departments, and the rebuilding of the Young Men's Christian Association rooms will make them much more attractive.

BANK BURGLAR CAPTURED.

"Michigan Red" Arrested by New York Postoffice Authorities. NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Charles Martin, alias "Michigan Red," who is more widely known as "Michigan Red," and who is a notorious and desperate, post-office and bank burglar, was arrested in this city Saturday. The arrest was made by Postoffice Inspectors Jacobs and James, acting under the direction of Chief Inspector John D. Kink and Pinkerton Detectives Dougherty and Rogers. The arrest took place in a restaurant in Third Avenue, near Twenty-fifth Street. Martin was locked up in Church Street station.

To Inspector Jacobs he acknowledged that he was the man wanted. "The Inspector said that Martin wanted to plead to the charge of burglary against him as soon as possible and begin serving his sentence. Martin was wanted to serve an unexpired term in the Monroe county penitentiary, in Rochester, from which he escaped about the first of this year. On December 22, 1899, Martin, together with another burglar, robbed the postoffice in Nunda, N. Y., after blowing open the safe with nitroglycerin. The burglars obtained \$500 from the safe. They were pursued by a posse and "Red" was arrested. His comrade escaped. A week after "Red" was taken to the Monroe county penitentiary he broke out.

Another crime, for which Martin was wanted was committed on May 21 last. That night a band of bank burglars attacked the Pennsylvanian bank in Williamsburg, Va., and "robbed it of \$5,000. Many citizens of the town were awakened, and they formed a posse and surrounded the bank. The burglars realized that they were being surrounded, but continued on their task. Six charges of nitroglycerin were set off before the burglars had opened the inner steel chest that contained the money. After securing this the burglars faced the posse and fought their way out of Williamsburg.

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